(d) what has been done with his petition and the offers made therein ;

(e) (i) is it a fact that between 2,000 and 3,000 teak and veetti trees lie felled in these areas ;

(ii) did the Government make an enquiry into the truth of this allegation and with what result ;

(iii) who felled these ;

(iv) are all the felled trees marked ;

(v) on what authority were these felled ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The petitioner's offer was not accepted as an auction sale was considered better.

(e) (i) It is not a fact.

(ii) Yes ; it was found to be untrue.

(iii) The persons who had the contract to fell and remove fuel in the fuel coupes.

(iv) Yes.

(v) Under Government sanction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the last Vrischigam Session a similar question was answered and it was stated in answer to that that in the Nerangampara coupe about 1,800 trees lie felled, and here it is stated that it is not a fact. What is the quantity of timber in Nerangampara coupe alone ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—About 1,300 candies.

513. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any departmental communication has been given to contractors Messrs. Viswanathan Chetti and V. K. Nayar of Nemmara to collect their timber and get them ready for measurement in Kumbham 1104 ;

(b) which is the timber referred to in the communication;

(c) were these contractors given fuel coupes in the years 1102 and 1103 ;

(d) were they authorised to fell teak or veetti ;

(e) were they given fuel coupes in 1102 and 1103 as per tenders or in auction or by private negotiation ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The timber portion of trees felled for fuel.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) By tenders for 1102 and private negotiation in 1103.

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